

WATHER REPORT.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:
For Virginia—Fair and colder Tuesday. Wednesday fair; fresh westerly winds.
For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; somewhat colder in central portion. Wednesday fair; fresh west to north winds.

Norfolk and Vicinity.
Fair and colder; westerly winds, becoming fresh.
METEOROLOGICAL.
December 24, 1900.
Maximum temperature 67
Minimum temperature 43
Normal temperature 50
Departure from normal plus 20
Departure from normal since January 1st plus 628
Rainfall in past 24 hours02
Rainfall since first of month24
Mean relative humidity 87

CALENDAR.
Sun rises at 7:16 a. m. and sets at 4:54 p. m.
TIDES.
High water at 11:20 a. m. and 11:42 p. m. Low water at 5:02 a. m. and 5:42 p. m.

DIED.
SCHILSENGER.—In Washington, D. C. on Monday, December 24th, 1900, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. MRS. META SCHILSENGER, mother of R. Exner, of this city. Interment in Elwood Cemetery on arrival of Washington steamer, WEDNESDAY MORNING.

You are invited to personally examine our assortment of Marble and Granite Memorials—the largest retail stock in the South. If unable to call, write for free illustrated Catalogue. We guarantee safe delivery of shipment and pay the freight.
The Couper Marble Works
(Established 1848)
163 1/2 Bank St. Norfolk, Va.

MEETINGS.
Headquarters
Pickett-Buchanan Camp, C. V.
Norfolk, Va., December 25, 1900.
ATTENTION COMRADES: THE regular monthly meeting of this Camp will be held on tomorrow (Wednesday) EVENING at 8 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock. Arrangements to be made for observance of General R. E. Lee's birthday and other important business to be transacted. Full attendance requested.
By order of
W. B. BROWNE, Commander.
T. B. JACKSON, Adjutant.
(Lodge copy.)

The Norfolk Bank
For Savings and Trusts,
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20, 1900.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at its Banking House, 246 Main street, on TUESDAY the 25th day of January, 1901, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.
V. W. VICAR, Cashier.
de21-tdm

AMUSEMENTS.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC Mon. and Tues. Dec. 24 and 25
CHRISTMAS MATINEE TUESDAY.
The Greatest Theatrical Success of the Closing Century.
THE CHRISTIAN.
Prices: Night—25c. to \$1.50; Matinee—Entire lower floor and first three rows, balcony, 50c.; balance, 75c. Gallery, 25c. de22-2a,lu

ACADEMY OF MUSIC Wednesday, Dec. 26.
Mr. Harry Glazier, in a Sumptuous Production of
The Three Musketeers.
A presentation complete in every detail.
Prices—25c., 50c., 75c., \$1. de22-2t

BARTON'S AUDITORIUM THEATRE.
J. M. Barton, Prop. W. H. Truehart, Mgr.
The only First-class Vaudeville Theatre in Norfolk. New features every week, playing all First-class Vaudeville Acts. Matinees Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Admission 15, 25 and 50c
All new Faces at the Auditorium this week. The best high-class Vaudeville Show of the season. de21-ly

THE WOMAN'S STORE.
To-day—
no business
Talk—
We wish you
all a Merry,
Merry Christmas—
And also trust that
your Holiday may Be
as Bright as you've
Planned It.

THE WOMAN'S STORE
Ames, Brownley & Hornthal
The Monticello Corner.

IN ORDER to enable our customers to exchange any purchases made at our stores we will be open until
1 O'clock
TO-DAY.
HOFHEIMER'S
NORFOLK-PORTSMOUTH.
328-330 MAIN ST., 230 HIGH ST.

DR. W. M. LEFTWICH

On the Great Teacher of the Twentieth Century.

At Epworth Church Sunday Morning—A Powerful Discourse From the Text: "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is Come, He Will Guide You Into All Truth."

"When the Spirit of Truth is Come, He will Guide You Into All Truth" was Rev. Dr. Leftwich's text at Epworth church Sunday morning, and his subject was the great teacher of the twentieth century. It was a powerful sermon. The Doctor said, in part: "The educator of the twentieth century is the Holy Ghost; and He will guide the Church into all truth. He has guided the Church into some truth, into much truth, but not into all truth. Why not into all truth? Because the Church has never accepted the full meaning and ministry of the Holy Spirit; never submitted to His authority, and has never been willing to be led into all truth."

"Nineteen centuries of Holy Ghost teaching counts for much, but it does not count for all. The Church traveled a long distance from Sinai to Calvary, and it measured for us the difference between the Kingdom of God, under Jehovah, and the Kingdom of God, under Jesus. From Calvary to Pentecost was only fifty days, but in that short time the Kingdom of God changed front and adopted a new evangelism in the history of men—the evangelism of the Holy Ghost. From Pentecost to the end of the age the Great Teacher of the Truth is the Holy Ghost. If we accept the theory that each age has been given a supply of truth, we believe that the Kingdom of God will bring an illumination that will enable the Holy Ghost to fulfill the uttermost of His commission and guide the Church into all truth. The restless spirit of inquiry with which the old century closes and the new century opens may foretell the oncoming of an illumination that will bring a new Pentecost than the world has ever known."

"Is it any wonder that the marvelous progress of the nineteenth century, with its wonderful intellectual quickening, should close on a restless spirit in the churches, the spirit of independent inquiry after truth which puts an interrogation point to the cut and dry theology provided for the Church centuries ago. "What if the longing for God—for the living God—which the souls of men have long felt under the mighty quickening of the Holy Ghost, should signify the breaking away from the old forms and old creeds? The Bible is the infallible fountain of truth—deep, wide, infinite and inexhaustible. What if the Church has outgrown her creeds? I hope you will not take fright at the suggestion!"

If the Church has not outgrown her creeds, we certainly have found a more natural and humane method of interpreting them. The Gospel of today is not so much a matter of dogmatism and metaphysics, as of adaptation to human needs. It may be that "The Spirit of Truth" is leading us away from apologetics and dogmatics and nearer to the personal faith and personal character of men. We are certainly finding the best systematic theology in the truths that save men and the best evidence of Christianity in the Christian himself. It is not hard to believe that the Great Teacher is even now preparing the Church for a new evangelism. The thoughtful preacher stands today in the presence of the facts as they are and not as he would have them. He laments the decline of spiritual life and the loss of the young people drifting away from the church, or held to it by artificial means, and knows that there are thousands of churches in which the Gospel is not reaching men. Many read the Scriptures now who do not see a revelation of spiritual truth at all. Just as many saw Christ in the flesh and did not see in Him a revelation of God. Spiritual truth must be spiritually discerned. The natural man, with natural vision, however keenly developed, cannot discern spiritual things.

Christ is the highest authority for truth. We cannot separate the truth from its source in Christ. "The Truth." Nor can the "Spirit of Truth" guide us into truth apart from the Christ of the Gospels. In teaching the truth the Holy Ghost is limited to His commission. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Men do not love the truth because the truth condemns. In our selfish pride we resist the truth and in resisting the truth we resist the "Spirit of Truth."

The doctor said we must be willing to surrender our orthodoxy, our beliefs, our methods, our forms, our spectacular programs, and ourselves to the divine sovereignty of the Holy Ghost in the Church, and then and not until then can He make the Gospel the power of God unto salvation, and not only "lead us into all truth," but set that truth on fire in us, and through it bring the mightiest Pentecost of the world's history.

"Mighty changes are taking place in every quarter of the globe—changes that at other times would startle the world—but now are so common that we read of them in the papers before breakfast, and they are crowded out by mightier changes the next day. The spirit of revolution is abroad among the nations. Only a short time ago the guns of our navy thundered along the coast of Cuba, sending navies of Cavite and Manila, and armies from the ancient fort into the mountains, breaking off the gallant yoke of oppression under which the people had bowed and groaned for centuries, and the 'Gem of the Antilles' rose into new life, and her statesmen are even now in counsel making laws for a free government. Dewey, with his great battleships, floated into Manila bay, sent another navy to the bottom of the sea, and demanded the surrender of Cavite and Manila, and behold an archipelago rises out of the eastern ocean to greet the ensign of a new civilization!"

"The armies of Great Britain march into the dark continent, and her guns start the echoes from her silent forests, and the Orange Free State and the Transvaal become integral parts of the mightiest empire on the face of the earth. The allied powers of the world stand before the walls of China and demand the opening of her gates and the surrender of her capital city. Her walls crumble, her forts are abandoned, her sovereigns flee, the ensign of a Western civilization floats over her citadels and the rude tread of foreign armies invades the 'Forbidden City,' stirring the stagnant life of thousands of years and introducing an element

of power that will revolutionize the Tartar dynasty and bring that great empire into the community of a western civilization, and change forever the geography of the world. "The nations of the earth are increasing their armies and armaments, you say, preparatory to a general war, but I say preparatory to a universal peace, and the reign of the 'Prince of Peace.' The horizon begins to kindle and glow with Apocalyptic fires, the heavens will soon depart as a scroll when it is rolled together and every island and mountain shall be removed out of their place, and the City of God descend from God out of heaven and we shall have a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwell the righteous. Have we not waited long enough? How long, how long, shall this sin-cursed earth await its coming, mighty Conqueror? Even so, come Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. James Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodward, is home from Randolph-Macon College to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with his parents.

Mr. P. J. Morris, of Norfolk, who is in Washington, has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watkins, of Norfolk, who were married several days ago in Washington, D. C., have returned to the city.

Mr. E. M. Holmes has gone to Baltimore.

Mr. S. L. Mosby, of Washington, D. C., is spending his Christmas in Norfolk.

Clerk of the Courts James V. Trehy has returned from a visit to Washington and Baltimore.

Mr. E. P. Odend'hal and bride, of Norfolk, who were married recently in Baltimore, will return home this morning. Mrs. Odend'hal was Miss Annie Eley. She accompanied Mr. Watkins and Miss Carr on their wedding trip.

Mr. Art. Castello (Loughlin), a native of Norfolk, and youngest brother of the well-known Castello (Loughlin) brothers, is now one of the team of aeronauts known as the four La Mothes, which quartette has been playing successful engagements in the West, will open at the Chicago Opera House the week of December 31st, after which they will come East and probably go to Europe.

Rev. S. C. Hatcher and family leave via the Bay Line this evening for New York city to visit Mrs. Hatcher's sister, Mrs. E. T. Paul, of No. 226 West One Hundred and Fifth street. Mr. Hatcher will return next week, but his family will spend the month of January there.

Mr. F. L. Mosby, of the Washington Weather Bureau, is here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss N. Birdy Motley, of Danville, Va., is spending the holidays with Miss Jennie W. Stephens, of 148 Wood street.

Mr. Frank Massenberg, of Macon, Ga., is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. V. White, Sunnyside, Portsmouth, Va.

Col. John R. Waddy, Assistant Postmaster S. B. Carney and Messrs. Dempsey Watkins, John R. Dole, J. W. Tierney and Geo. L. Pryor, the Norfolk delegation that attended the funeral of Hon. Richard A. Wise Sunday at Richmond, returned Sunday night.

Invitations to a stag party have been issued by Mr. Adolph Aronheim, who will tonight, at 8 o'clock, on Bermuda street, celebrate his arrival at man's estate.

Mr. Simon S. Swartz and Miss Mattie E. Clendenning will be married today at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clendenning, Mount Pleasant, Norfolk county.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Martin to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Laney Martin, to Mr. W. J. Ellis, the ceremony to take place at the home of the parents this noon.

Miss Rosa Bick, who is attending school at Richmond, is in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bick. She is accompanied by Miss Neale Leath, who will spend the holidays here.

Mr. Wm. Randall, of Baltimore, is in the city.

Mr. Theodorick Williams left for Columbia, Tenn., on Saturday to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Marshall McCormick left for Berryville on Sunday evening.

Mr. Hugh Backwell, of the University of Virginia, is visiting Mrs. W. J. De Jarnette, in Ghent.

Mr. Fergus Goodridge is spending the holidays in Norfolk.

Mr. Frank Wilcox left for Warrenton, N. C., on Sunday last, to be absent from the city till Thursday next.

Misses Mary and Fannie Royster are at the Monticello with their parents for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. De Bree Higgins are in the city for Christmas.

Mr. Richard Waldrop is at home for a brief stay.

Messrs. Hugh and Tom Page are here for the holidays.

Mr. Lewellyn Hilliard is at home from the University for the holidays.

The many friends of Mr. Thom. Hume, of Portsmouth, will be glad to welcome him home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Walke are visiting Mrs. Walke's relatives in Murfreesboro, N. C.

Mr. Houston Eldridge, of New York, is with Pay Director and Mrs. Parks at the Monticello.

Mr. Rufus Parks has returned from Yale to spend Christmas with Pay Director and Mrs. Parks.

Miss Nan Freeman is at home for the holidays.

Miss Lucy Baylor is at home for Christmas.

Miss Rosalie McCormick, who has been visiting Mrs. J. C. McCormick,

Misses Louise Jones, Mary Wilcox, Lottie Hodges and Annie and Carrie Voight are here for the holidays.

On York street, returned to her home, in Clarke county, on Sunday last.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

(From City and State, Philadelphia.)

"When the heart is broken, God enters and truth is realized: when peace reigns in the heart, truth is also perceived."

These are the two conditions under which man is permitted to touch the hem of the garment of that which no one can define. Under the commonplace conditions of daily life, when passion and petty ambition distort the mental view, the mind can reach only commonplace truths. The finer moral distinctions can only be realized under the strain and stress of profound sorrow, or else at the opposite pole of human emotion, when the heart and mind are at peace with God and the world.

It was not merely as a dramatic incident that the advent of the Greatest Embodiment of Truth was heralded by a message of peace and good will to man. The scene chosen for the announcement had also a meaning. It was to the shepherds "neath the stars and the silvery arc of the moon," enswathed in the peace-speaking night of the East, that the celestial messengers came. And it is at this same season of peace and good will, when the hearts of men, freed from the stormier things of daily life, are softened and drawn together, when all mankind is under the influence of the Prince of Peace—that I wish to make an appeal on behalf of our sorely stricken people.

I am convinced that if the American people only knew what is happening in the Philippines, the flag of truce would wave over every blood-stained field in our loved island home. But the martial spirit, as well as considerations of national pride and prestige, have dulled the ear of pity and compassion.

In this great land, wherein are enjoyed the blessings of liberty and abundance, there are those who would shrink from the mere idea of killing a fellow-being, yet who, under the influence of martial glory, do not realize that thousands of brave men and equally brave women are being slain, by sword and starvation, in a conflict which can only result in death to one people and withered laurels to the other.

Will we not do well to ask ourselves what is the cause of all this strife and suffering? What is the stumbling-block in the way of peace and reconciliation? I only know that the Filipino people are asking for that which the American people have enjoyed for more than a hundred years. What, then, are our differences? May it not be that "the all-transmuting truth may find affinities in things which are to us the very elements of war?"

At this season of peace I plead for peace. I plead on behalf of the wife and mother down whose cheeks are coursing the silent tears; on behalf of the maiden who has met with her first great sorrow; on behalf of the sad little faces, too young to realize what has happened, but who know that the one who occupied that vacant chair will never more return; on behalf of the patriots who for good or ill, have laid down their life for their country's cause; on behalf of the brave soldiers marching under both flags; and in the name and for the sake of Him, the Friend of the oppressed, who suffered unjust condemnation as a rebel against the Lord of Hosts, I plead for peace.

May this plea, written with the blood and tears of our people, reach the hearts of all who share the peace and good will of the Herald Angels' song on this the last Christmas of the century. SIXTO LOPEZ, Bimham House, Philadelphia, December 20th.

HELLO, TAPPAHANNOCK.

TIDEWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKES CONNECTIONS.

Tappahannock, Va., Dec. 21.—The Tidewater Telephone Company made connection here today and put in two long distance telephones. The new line was brought to within two miles of the town yesterday. This morning in the snow the old wires which formerly belonged to the West Potomac Telephone Company, were connected with the new wires, and temporary connection was made. Conversations were held with Newport News, Norfolk and Richmond. As soon as the weather permits, the old wires will be pulled down and the new line complete. The line to Walkerton will be repaired. There is an extension from here in various directions, and it is hoped that ere long direct connection with Richmond will be established.

OTHER LOCAL ON PAGE 5.

Fight Your Liver

If you want to. But look out, or it will get the start of you. If it does, you will have dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, poor blood, constipation.

Perhaps you have these already. Then take one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime. These pills gently and surely master the liver; they are an easy and safe laxative for the whole family; they give prompt relief and make a permanent cure. Always keep a box of them in the house.

25 cents a box.

If your druggist cannot supply you, we will mail you a box direct from this office upon receipt of the price, 25 cents. Address, J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Record of the Vote.

Members of the City Councils who voted on November 8th, 1900, to put this city at the mercy of a Bell Telephone Monopoly, to besmirch the good name of this city by repudiating its contract and to impair its reputation for fair dealing by illegally favoring one private corporation against the interest of the citizens of Norfolk:

N. BEAMAN.
EDWARD CAMP.
T. M. CASHIN.
C. H. CONNOLLY.
J. FRANK EAST.
R. F. FOREST.
W. M. HANNAN.
F. JACOBS.
W. R. JOHNSON.
E. S. JOYNS.
J. V. KERNAN.
W. H. MAYO.
J. O'NEILL.
W. P. OBERNDORFER.
WM. PANNILL.
A. STAHN.
H. A. UNDERDOWN.
A. C. WALKER.
R. W. WHITEHURST.
F. T. WISE.

Members of the City Councils who voted on November 8th to amend the Southern Bell Franchise by establishing a maximum rate and protect the interest of the citizens of Norfolk:

C. P. DENBY.
T. S. FITZGERALDS.
J. M. KEELING.
W. W. OLD.
J. O. PITT.
J. O. REID.
J. A. RIDGEWELL.
J. LEE SENECA.
T. S. SOUTHWATE.
J. G. TILTON.
R. G. TILTON.
C. O. WRENN.
Members who were absent from the meeting:
J. W. CASHIN.
A. M. COUSINS.
FRED GREENWOOD.
E. L. MAYER.

O. R. C. Election.

At a meeting held Sunday Robert E. Lee Division No. 205, Order Railway Conductors, elected the following officers for the year 1901: George B. Deaton, chief conductor; P. B. Luke, assistant chief conductor; John W. Baylor, secretary and treasurer; M. H. Lester, S. C.; G. E. Poindexter, Jr., C.; W. J. Luke, J. S.; R. G. Waddy, O. S.; Delegate to the Grand Division, which meets in Milwaukee, Wis., P. B. Luke; Alternate, M. H. Lester.

Capudine cures La Grippe and headaches of all kinds.

Hundreds of Children are Made Deaf by Catarrh! Here's a Case in Point.



CATARRH IN CHILDREN generally assumes the ADENOID type characterized by SNORING WHEN ASLEEP, COLD, BREATHING THROUGH THE MOUTH WHEN ASLEEP, &c. It is an extremely frequent cause of ear troubles but can be readily cured by proper treatment.

"Our little girl had become VERY DEAF IN BOTH EARS SO THAT WE HAD TO SPEAK TO HER VERY LOUD TO MAKE HER UNDERSTAND. She was quite pale, suffered with sore throat trouble and had an eczematous eruption in her ears. DR. FIFE'S TREATMENT RAPIDLY CURED HER, RESTORING HER HEARING PERFECTLY and very greatly improved her health. It also cured the eczema in her ears."

Mr. Tatem was until recently employed by Frank & Sons, 314 Main street, but is now engaged in the clothing business in Elizabeth City, N. C.

CATARRH PERMANENTLY CURED. "ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO DR. FIFE CURED ME OF CATARRH OF THE NOSE AND THROAT, which also affected my ears somewhat, although my business calls for considerable exposure (I am employed on a lightship off Lambert's Point). THERE HAS NEVER BEEN THE SLIGHTEST RETURN OF THE TROUBLE. I AM PERFECTLY CURED." J. C. CORCORAN.

Rooms 3 and 4 No. 274 Main street, over "The Hub." Specialties—CATARRH and all diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Chest and Stomach.
Hours, 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. Sunday hours, 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Tuesday night, Thursday night and Saturday night, 7:45 p. m. to 9:15 p. m.
CONSULTATION ALWAYS FREE. Medicines furnished. Terms moderate. Eyes examined for glasses free of charge.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

O'NEILL'S, MAIN ST.

WATT, RETTEW & CLAY.

Store Closed all day to-day.

Watt, Rettew & Clay.

NUSBAUM'S.

"Minute from Main Street" where frames are made.

Store open to-day 'till one o'clock.

Our first Christmas

has been an unparalleled success from every view-point. It gives us pleasure unbounded to know that in less than a twelve-month you have learned to think so well of Nushbaum's. From among the city's oldest and best stores you chose this (the youngest) as your favorite. And for this we are grateful beyond the power of words to express.

We have done our utmost to deserve all the kind expressions you have so unhesitatingly bestowed upon us. We have had you in our minds constantly—you have ever been our first thought, our first consideration.

We regret very much that owing to the extreme pressure of business, we were compelled to turn away so many orders for frames and cards. We could have promised and disappointed those whose valued orders came to us late. But such methods are not parallel with our way of keeping store. We are pleased, however, to say that (thanks to the earnest efforts of the frame makers and engravers) all orders taken were filled and delivered at the time promised.

As we said before, this has been a most remarkable and highly satisfactory season with us.

We owe it all to you! Will you kindly accept our thanks? We extend to you our hearty wishes for a most happy Christmas.

NUSBAUM'S.

100-102 Granby Street. Opposite the Monticello Hotel. BOTH 'PHONES—Ten Sixty.

THE Joseph Brown STORE.

A Merry Christmas!

Anything else, we couldn't—wouldn't—wish you. Record breaking days, and weeks, have been the result of your generous good-will and OUR Christmas joys are materially heightened. Store closed all day.

JOSEPH BROWN - 220 Main St.

Bicycles, full size, \$18.00		Hunting Coats, 75c	
Footballs, regulation size, 75c		Bicycle Sundries, every description, at reduced prices	
Sweaters, all wool, \$1.50		Eastman Kodaks, \$1.00 and up	
Air Rifles, 75c		Graphophones, \$5 to \$150	
Boxing Gloves, \$2.00		Gymnasium Suits, complete, \$1	
Punching Bags, \$2.00		Golf Goods at reduced prices	
Football Pants, \$1.00			